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SUBJECT MODE - FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE PROPOSAL TO
ADD ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL POSITION IN WELLINGTON IN FY 78

1. AS PART OF ITS FY 78 BUDGET PREPARATION, THE FOREIGN
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (FAS), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS
PROPOSING TO ADD ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE
TO THE ATTACHE'S OFFICE IN WELLINGTON (PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED
ONE ATTACHE, ONE US SECRETARY, AND ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL
CLERK).

2. FAS' JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE. ON THE OCCASION OF SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT TO NEW
ZEALAND AND AT A SUBSEQUENT LUNCHEON IN WASHINGTON WITH THE
SECRETARY AND NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS, AMBASSADOR SELDEN
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE IN WELLINGTON BE INCREASED TO ENABLE THE ATTACHE
TO DO MORE TRAVELLING IN THE COUNTRY AND OCCASIONALLY TO
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WESTERN SAMOA. THE REPORTING LOAD AND VISITORS HAVE THUS

FAR PREVENTED THE ATTACHE FROM PERFORMING THE SURVEY TRAVEL THAT BOTH USDA AND AMBASSADOR SELDEN JUDGE TO BE ESSENTIAL. NEW ZEALAND RANKS SECOND AS A SUPPLIER OF MEAT TO THE U.S. AND IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT SUPPLIER OF DAIRY PRODUCTS. BOTH COMMODITIES REQUIRE CONTINUOUS MONITORING IN SUPPORT OF U.S. IMPORT RESTRAINT CONTROLS. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENTS OF COM ARE REQUESTED CONCERNING THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOREIGN NATIONAL FOR FAS. A REPLY BY AUGUST 26 WILL BE APPRECIATED. DEPARTMENT WILL UTILIZE EMBASSY VIEWS IN COMMUNICATING TO BOTH FAS AND OMB ITS ASSESSMENT ON THIS FAS FY 78 BUDGET PROPOSAL. ROBINSON

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